

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9, 11, 13-14, and 17-18 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 10, 12, 15, 16, and 19 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 remain pending in this application.

Claims 2-3, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim base but otherwise allowable. Claims 2, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 have been amended to independent form and recite the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Claim 3 depends from claim 2 and is therefore no longer dependent upon a rejected claim base. Accordingly, Applicant submit the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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